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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2130
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PDEV RH BC
SUBJ: BATSWANA KILLED IN RHODESIAN BORDER INCIDENT

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1. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT MAY
1:

BEGIN QUOTE

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO BATSWANA WOMEN
WERE SHOT AND KILLED BY RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES ON THE
AFTERNOON OF 27 APRIL, 1978. THEIR BODIES WERE COLLECTED
FROM THE POLICE AT PLUMTREE AND BURIED IN BOTSWANA OVER THE
WEEKEND. THE WOMEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DIONDO TADUBANA AND
SELEBATSO TADUBANA FROM NTEMANE NEAR MOROKA. THEY WERE
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LAST SEEN ALIVE WHILE WORKING IN THEIR LANDS CLOSE TO THE
RHODESIAN BORDER.
END QUOTE

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2. PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY CHARLES TIBONE

TOLD US MAY 1 THAT MOST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO GOB ON INCIDENT WAS INCLUDED IN THE SHORT PRESS STATEMENT. ACCORDING TO TIBONE, GOB BELIEVES THE WOMEN WERE KILLED INSIDE BOTSWANA DURING INCURSION BY RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES. HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, ACCOUNT FOR FACT THAT BODIES OF WOMEN WERE IN POSSESSION OF RHODESIAN POLICE AT PLUMTREE, SOME FIFTEEN KILOMETERS INSIDE RHODESIAN BORDER. HE SPECULATED THAT WOMEN MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT BY RHODESIAN FORCES AS VIOLATORS OF CURFEW OR SOMEHOW MISTAKEN FOR "FREEDOM FIGHTERS".

3. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT BREAKS THE RELATIVE QUIET WHICH HAS PREVAILED ALONG TENSE RHODESIAN/BOTSWANA BORDER IN RECENT WEEKS, FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 28 AMBUSH AT KAZUNGULA WHEN 17 BATSWANA WERE KILLED.
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